Funds under PMGY

*634. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to various States under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana since its inception.

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to release an amount of Rs. 195 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana to connect 175 Talukas through all weather roads for the year 2000-2001; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) was launched during the year 2000-01. A statement showing allocations of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States under PMGY for 2000-2001 and 2001-02 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Construction of rural roads is being undertaken through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

In October 2000, the Government of Karnataka had submitted a requirement of Rs. 196.37 crore covering 175 talukas in 27 districts. In December 2000, an allocation of Rs. 95 crore was made for Karnataka for the year 2000-01 under the PMGSY. The Guidelines for PMGSY were also issued in December 2000. The State Government submitted revised proposals and between December 2000 and March 2001, the Ministry of Rural Development has cleared proposals valued at Rs. 100.57 crore for Karnataka.

Statement

Details of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) allocations under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) during the Annual Plan 2000-01 and 2001-02

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	States	Allocation	
		2000-01	2001-02
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14206.00	15911.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6817.00	6817.00
3.	Assam	17957.00	20112.00
4.	Bihar	21946.00	24579.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	3140.00	3517.00
6.	Goa	78.00	87.00
7.	Gujarat	6479.00	7256.00
8.	Haryana	1678.00	1879.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7061.00	7908.00
10.	J & K	17158.00	19217.00
11.	Jharkhand	6779.00	7592.00
12.	Karnataka	7513.00	8415.00
13.	Kerala	6908.00	7737.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	8237.00	9225.00
15.	Maharashtra	9913.00	11103.00
16.	Manipur	4856.00	5439.00
17.	Meghalaya	4059.00	4546.00
18.	Mizoram	4041.00	5041.00
19.	Nagaland	4113.00	4526.00
20.	Orissa	9855.00	11038.00
21.	Punjab	4040.00	4525.00
22.	Rajasthan	9640.00	10797.00

Sl. No.	States	Allocation 2000-01	2001-02
23.	Sikkim	2811.00	3798.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	10479.00	11736.00
25.	Tripura	5083.00	7084.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	33635.00	37671.00
27.	Uttaranchal	1256.00	3907.00
28.	West Bengal	16782.00	18796.00
	TOTAL:	246520.00	280259.00

New policy for voice mail

*635. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently announced a new policy for voice mail/audiotex services;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the number of licences granted so far for the said services;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is no licence fee for the service; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) New policy for Voice Mail/Audiotex Service in terms of new Telecom Policy, 1999 (NTP-99) was announced on 16th July, 2001 by incorporating a new service namely, Unified Messaging Service (UMS) Salient features of the policy are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) Presently, 27 licences are existing for these services out of which 22 licences have been granted since announcement of the new policy.

(d) There is no licence fee for operators of this service other than access service providers. However, the Licensee shall be required to